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MINUTES
OF THE
STATE CONVENTION
OF THE
BAPTIST DENOMINATION
IN
SOUTH-CAROLINA,

AT ITS EXTRA SESSION, HELD IN BARNWELL VILLAGE, OCTOBER 22d
AND 23d, 1835.

and of the annual meeting in Charleston in December 1835

The following members appeared:—

Charleston Association.—T. J. Gantt, B. Manly, J. E. Dargan, J. Hartwell, I. Nicholes.

Edgefield Association.—W. B. Johnson, M. Mims, Z. Rudolph, sen., J. M. Chiles, Z. Watkins, J. Trapp, J. T. Coleman, W. Watkins, T. Atkinson, W. P. Hill, R. Child.

Savannah River Association.—D. Peeples, H. D. Duncan, A. J. Lawton, W. H. Brisbane, J. T. Robert, I. L. Brookes, J. Broome.

Welsh Neck Association.—J. C. Furman, D. R. W. McIver.

Charleston Juvenile Female Missionary and Education Society.—W. E. Bailey.

Mount Moriah Female Missionary and Benevolent Society.—A. Waller.

Newberry Baptist Church.—N. W. Hodges, J. B. O'Neill, M. T. Mendenhall.

Bush River Baptist Church.—J. Gary, B. F. Griffin.

Longtown Female Society.—J. B. Furman, R. L. Whitaker.

Prayer by Br. O'Neill.

1. The Bethel Society in the Bethel Association, by its delegates, J. Davis and J. O. B. Dargan; and the Edisto Association, by its delegates, C. Staley and J. G. O. Wilkinson, applied for membership in convention, and were received.

2. Visiting ministers present, were invited to seats. The Rev. Luther Crawford, assistant secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, was introduced particularly to the notice of the convention as a brother, whose credentials are clear, and who, in relation to the agitating topic of abolition, holds an unexceptionable ground.

3. The Board of Agents reported, by reading their whole minutes, and all the documents they had procured.

After much discussion, it was resolved, that all the documents presented by the Board, together with the propositions now under discussion, be referred to a committee, consisting of Brn. Manly, Johnson, O'Neill, Chiles, and J. B. Furman, to consider them, and report to-morrow. And the convention adjourned to meet at 10 A. M. to-morrow, with prayer from Br. Davis.

Friday Morning.

Convention met. Br. Peeples prayed.

4. The committee appointed yesterday, reported. This report was considered article by article, and, with some amendments, was adopted unanimously, as follows:—

“The committee, to whom were referred the resolutions and various amendments submitted to the convention, beg leave to report:—

That they regard a permanent provision for the instruction of young ministers, as the great object of this body, and that other things should be undertaken or done, as they may consist with this object, and become auxiliaries to it.

That while they believe from the mass of important testimony before the convention, from nearly all the principal manual labor schools in this country, that that system of education is but an experiment, *yet, to be tried*, it seems to be an experiment so feasible, and its success an object so desirable, that it deserves to be fairly tried in some form that shall not jeopard the funds of the convention, nor make the success of the theological institution dependent on the success of that.

That although the attention of the convention has not yet been directed to any particular site for a manual labor classical and English school, with sufficient definiteness to determine a choice, and from particular circumstances, the subscriptions to this object have not been carried up to the desirable point, sufficient has been done to show, that the scheme is extensively popular, and with proper efforts will meet all necessary patronage. Your committee would therefore present the following resolutions:—

1. That this convention proceed immediately to lay a permanent foundation for the support of theological instruction. That for this purpose, they now lay down all the funds they possess, and which are within their control, as the basis of this foundation, the annual income of which to be pledged for ever to the maintenance of a theological professorship. That they earnestly solicit all their constituent bodies, possessing funds, to do the same thing; that for the purpose of completing this foundation with as little delay as possi-

ble, and of providing what is absolutely indispensable, a *second professorship permanently endowed*, the services of a general agent be demanded for this object, chiefly, if not exclusively, from the first day of January next; and that this object be promoted without intermission, diversion, or relaxation, and completed as soon as possible.

2. That B. Manly, W. E. Bailey, T. J. Gantt, I. L. Brookes, R. Fuller, A. J. Lawton, R. T. Lawton, J. Hartwell, J. C. Furman, I. D. Wilson, T. P. Lide, J. Davis, J. B. Furman, J. C. Keeney, M. T. Mendenhall, W. B. Johnson, Z. Watkins, J. M. Chiles, M. Mims, J. Trapp, C. Staley, J. G. O. Wilkinson, and J. Du Pre, be requested to act as agents of the convention, to collect and receive donations in money, or bonds, bearing interest, to carry out more fully the objects embraced in the preceding resolution.

3. That as the sum of nearly \$20,000 is now in possession of this convention, and its constituent bodies, which it may be presumed will all be pledged for the support of theological instruction, the Board be requested to make arrangements, as soon as may be, for supplying facilities of instruction to our theological students.

4. That I. L. Brookes, Z. Watkins, J. Gary, N. W. Hodges, A. D. Jones, and Alexander Sparks, or any three of them, be appointed to select a site for a manual labor classical and English school; and to use all possible efforts to ascertain what will be subscribed or done by the friends of this scheme, toward an establishment such as may be needed, to make enquiry for teachers, and all other officers, or appendages, and make report at the next meeting of convention, in December."

5. The convention listened to an address from the agent of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, on the principles and objects of this society: Whereupon, *Resolved*,

1. That in the judgment of this convention, the American Baptist Home Mission Society holds a prominent place among the benevolent institutions of the present day: That we cordially approve the resolutions of said society, passed in Richmond, in May last, to raise \$50,000. for the purposes of said society, the current year.

2. That this body recommend, and respectfully urge upon the churches of South Carolina, to unite with their brethren of other States, in the above noble attempt.

6. *Resolved*, That the President be requested to furnish such portions of his address, at the opening of the convention, as he may deem expedient for publication, in the Southern Baptist.

7. As monies have been brought up to this body, *Resolved*, That the Secretary, in the absence of the Treasurer, be requested to receive these monies, and convey them to the Treasurer, and publish a statement of the amounts.

8. The cordial thanks of the convention were returned to the inhabitants of this village, for this second instance of their hospitality.

The President adjourned the meeting with prayer, and the Christian benediction.

MINUTES
OF THE
STATE CONVENTION
OF THE
BAPTIST DENOMINATION
IN
SOUTH-CAROLINA,

AT ITS FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY, HELD IN CHARLESTON, DE-
CEMBER 12th, AND CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 17th, A. D. 1835.

The introductory sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Br. N. W. Hodges, from 2 Cor. v. 7.

The credentials of delegates being presented, the following names were enrolled, viz:—

Charleston Association.—W. J. Hard, D. Sheppard, W. Riley, W. E. Bailey, N. Graham, C. Burckmyer, C. Entzminger, T. J. Gantt, T. Adams, J. Du Pre, H. Cuttino, C. M. Breaker.

Edgefield Association.—W. B. Johnson, J. M. Chiles, J. Trapp, Z. Watkins, Z. Rudolph, sen.,† T. Atkinson, N. L. Griffin,† D. D. Brunson, W. Brunson. M. Mims.

Savannah River Association.—D. Peebles, I. L. Brookes, H. D. Duncan, A. J. Lawton, B. H. Brown, H. Z. Ardis, R. Bradford, J. O'Bannon, C. B. Jones, W. I. Harley, R. Fuller,† J. T. Robert,† R. G. Lawrence,† R. J. Davant.†

Welsh Neck Association.—J. C. Furman, J. Hartwell, J. M. Timmons, I. K. M'Iver, T. P. Lide, W. Timmons, J. Lane, R. G. Edwards, I. D. Wilson, D. M'Kay,† A. Sparks,† D. R. W. M'Iver,† A. M. M'Iver,† C. Reaves,† A. P. Lacoste,† J. Thwing,† J. A. Pouncey,† A. W. Hunter,† W. Wingate.†

Edisto Association.—C. Staley, J. G. O. Wilkinson.

Fellowship Benevolent Society.— — — — —.

Congaree Benevolent Society.—1. Nicholoz, J. Scott.

Charleston Juvenile Female Missionary and Education Society.—

T. Blackwood, C. M. Furman, J. B. Miller, H. Bailey, B. Manly.

Female Benevolent Society of Bethlehem, Edgefield District.—

Mount Moriah Female Missionary and Benevolent Society.—Peter McKellar, Larkin Reynolds.†

Newberry Baptist Church.—N. W. Hodges, T. Frean, T. Pratt, Y. J. Harrington, J. B. O'Neill,† M. T. Mendenhall.†

Female Auxiliary Education Society of Edisto, Wadmalaw, and the adjacent Main Land.— — — — —.

Bush River Baptist Church.—Daniel Mangum, B. F. Griffin, Carey Pitts,† James Burton.†

Longtown Female Society.—J. B. Furman, A. D. Jones, R. L. Whitaker.†

Bethel Society in Bethel Association.—J. Davis. J. O. B. Dargan.

1. The following officers were elected :—W. B. Johnson, President ; J. Davis, Vice President ; B. Manly, Secretary. The Treasurer having resigned, W. E. Bailey was elected Treasurer,—on the nomination of a committee appointed for that purpose,

2. Visiting ministers present, were invited to seats, viz :—Rev. Messrs. L. Crawford, J. Kerr, W. D. Cowdrey, J. L. Reynolds, W. Watkins, S. Furman, and J. Ellis. Rev. Messrs. Mitchell, Martin and Alison, of Charleston, being present in the meeting, were invited to seats. Professor Goddard of Brown University, was introduced to the convention, and invited to a seat.

3. The Anderson District Missionary Society, by its delegates, W. Magee and A. Rice ; also, the Peniel church, Abbeville District, by its delagate, A. M. Spalding, petitioned for admission into the convention, and were cordially received.

4. Received letters of correspondence from the Baptist convention of Georgia, the Saluda and Twelve Mile River Associations. Their messengers respectively, Brn. J. Davis S. G. Hilyer, and J. Grisham, were cordially invited to seats.

5. The Treasurer, J. B. Miller, presented a statement of his proceedings during the year, which was laid on the table.

6. Brn. Johnson, Hodges, and J. B. Furman, were appointed a committee to present Rules of Order for the consideration of convention.

7. The report of Br. Mims, on the settlement of a balance due from a former Treasurer, and also, in regard to the sale of a house and lot in Edgefield, was laid on the table.

8. Br. J. C. Furman was appointed to write to the Saluda Association, and Brn. Atkinson, Hartwell, and Johnson, to attend its meeting as messengers ; Br. Hard to write to the Georgia convention, and Brn. Hard, Hartwell, Davis, and J. B. Furman, as messengers ; Br. Jones to write to the North Carolina convention, and Br. Hartwell, as messenger ; Br. Du Pre, to write to the Twelve Mile River

Association, and Brn. Hodges, Davis, Spalding, and Hartwell, as messengers.

9. The following standing committees were appointed, viz:—To arrange the preaching during this meeting—the Pastor and Deacons; on Accounts—A. J. Lawton and C. Burckmyer; on Minutes of corresponding bodies—J. B. Furman, J. M. Chiles, and Z. Watkins.

10. The agents appointed at the late extra session, to collect subscriptions and funds for the endowment of professorships in the Furman Theological Institution, made their reports; from which it appeared that they had met with encouraging success. The money and bonds collected, were ordered to be put into the hands of the committee on accounts.

11. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire and report, as to the amount of funds in the possession of this convention, subject to its unlimited control; what portion of the same are available, and, if any, what are unavailable; what is the amount of funds in the possession of the convention, subject to any condition, and the particular nature of such condition; and that the said committee do also ascertain and report, as far as practicable, what further contributions to the funds of the convention may be reasonably expected to be received in a short time.

Resolved, That the same committee be requested to digest and report a general system of collecting and receiving agencies, which shall be best calculated to secure and increase the funds subscribed, and to be subscribed, in the most economical manner. The committee consists of C. M. Furman, W. E. Bailey, I. K. McIver.

The convention adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Br. J. Davis, of Fairfield.

The Sabbath was spent as usual in religious exercises. The Rev. Messrs. Kerr of Virginia, Johnson, Davis of Georgia, and J. C. Furman, severally took parts in the sacred services. The administration of the ordinances of Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, gave additional interest to the occasion. The public collection in the evening amounted to \$171,22. Other sums were afterward sent in.

Monday Morning.

The convention met. Prayer by Br. Peebles.

12. The brethren appointed to write letters of correspondence for this body, presented them, which were read, approved, and signed.

13. The committee on minutes of corresponding bodies, brought to the view of convention, the design of the 12-Mile River Association, and other bodies in the mountain district, to engage in the establishment of a manual labor school: referred to the committee appointed to enquire in reference to such a school under the patronage of this body.

14. The committee which had been appointed at the extra session to enquire and report a suitable site for a manual labor school, made an extended statement of facts. Ordered to lie on the table.

15. Received several petitions for the next meeting of this body.

The following were appointed a committee to select the place, viz: Br. Peeples, Hartwell, Chiles, Wilkinson, Manly, McKellar, Hodges, Mangum, Jones, and Davis.

16. The Treasurer, Br. J. B. Miller, having tendered his resignation,—*Resolved*, That his resignation be accepted, and that his valuable services deserve the thanks of this body.

17. Agreed that the collection taken last evening, be equally divided between the education and missionary funds.

18. Br. Hodges, the agent, reported his engagements and success since the late extra session. Ordered to lie on the table.

19. *Resolved*, That the convention entertain a high sense of the value of the Southern Baptist, as a medium of intelligence and intercommunication, and of the services of Br. W. H. Brisbane, as Editor. The convention are informed that the patronage of the paper is insufficient for its support. They therefore earnestly request of all their friends to exert themselves in procuring additional subscribers.

20. Whereas this convention have been informed that a donation of six shares of the stock of the Columbia Bridge Company, (par value \$600,) has been made to this body, by David Ewart, Esq. of Columbia, for the purpose of a permanent fund for the support of a Theological Professor in the Furman Theological Institution,—*Resolved*, That this body entertain a grateful sense of this generous donation, and that the Secretary be requested to convey to the liberal donor the thanks of the convention.

21. The convention resolved itself into committee of the whole on the proposed amendments of the constitution. Br. Peeples in the chair.

After some progress, the committee rose and reported; and the convention adjourned to to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock, with prayer from Br. Mangum.

Tuesday Morning.

Convention met. Prayer by Br. Timmons.

22. The committee for preparing rules of order reported, that owing to numerous engagements, they had been unable to give that attention to the subject which it requires: And they recommended that a committee be raised to attend to this matter, in the recess, and report at the next meeting of the convention. This was agreed to, and the same committee was continued for the purpose.

23. *Resolved*, That, as a stated rule of this body, the nomination of ministers and their alternates to perform set services, at our annual meetings, be made by a committee. Committee of nomination for the next meeting consists of N. W. Hodges, J. C. Furman, and A. J. Lawton.

24. The messengers from the Georgia convention were invited to make any communication to this body with which they might be charged. Br. J. Davis stated that they had not been charged with any special message to this body; but gave information of

the design of the Baptists in that State to found and establish a Literary College of high order, and expressed the desire felt by himself, and, he believed, by a number of other individuals, for a joint co-operation, between the Baptists in Georgia and South-Carolina, in the support of that College, and of the Furman Theological Institution. Whereupon, *Resolved*, That this body have ever felt desirous of a closer union among the Baptists of the Southern States in what regards education in general, especially ministerial education, and are willing to take measures for such union, on principles of just reciprocity and brotherly love; whenever it shall appear desirable to our brethren of Georgia, or of other adjoining States.

25. The convention went again into committee of the whole on the constitution. After several amendments, the committee rose, and reported the constitution as amended; which was adopted by convention, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

26. The special committee appointed to ascertain and report the description and state of our funds, and to suggest a system of agencies, reported; accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

27. On motion of Br. Hodges, the report of the committee for enquiring as to the establishment of a manual labor school, was called up for consideration.

After considerable discussion, a motion for adjournment prevailed. Prayer by Br. Duncan.

Wednesday Morning.

Convention met. Prayer by Br. Magee.

28. The convention went again into consideration of the report of the committee for locating a manual labor school.

After discussion, the whole subject was referred to a committee consisting of Brethren Johnson, Davis, Hodges, Manly, Brookes, J. C. Furman, and H. Bailey, to report to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, to which time the convention adjourned, with prayer from Br. Trapp.

Thursday Morning.

Convention met. Prayer by Br. Crawford.

29. Br. Johnson stated that himself and Br. J. C. Furman had attended the meeting of the general convention in Richmond, as delegates from this body; and gave an account of its proceedings and of the reasons of some of its particular measures. Whereupon, the following resolution was passed.

Whereas, the Baptist General Convention have resolved, with a magnanimity corresponding with the spirit of the age, and with the important relation which they occupy toward the Baptist denomination, and the cause of Christ generally, to raise one hundred thousand dollars within twelve months, for the accomplishment of the noble objects which they have proposed—*Resolved*, That this body cordially approve of this resolution. And, whereas, the Rev.

Jesse Hartwell has been appointed the agent of said convention, for the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, *Resolved, also*, that this convention commend the Rev. J. Hartwell to the Christian community in the above-named States, as a good minister of Jesus Christ, and a gentleman whose views on the agitating subject of abolition, are purely Southern.

30. The following brethren were appointed a committee to nominate suitable persons for a board of agents, under the new constitution, viz: H. D. Duncan, J. Hartwell, J. M. Chiles.

31. The special committee to whom were referred the several resolutions before the convention, regarding the location of the manual labor school, and embracing also the location of the theological institution, beg leave to report the following resolutions, viz:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to proceed at once to the establishment of a classical and English school, on the terms proposed in the resolutions of the extra session of the convention, and that the same be located in Fairfield district.

2. *Resolved*, That the theological institution be located on the same tract of land, with the manual labor classical and English school.

3. *Resolved*. That means be taken forthwith to conclude an arrangement with the people of said district, for the purchase of lands and other facilities, and to proceed to the organization of the manual labor school, with all convenient despatch.

4. *Resolved*, That for the present, and until professorships can be endowed, and buildings erected for the theological institution, those students who wish to study with a view to the ministry, whether prepared for theological instruction or not, be received into the manual labor school, and that arrangements be made for providing instruction in theology for such of the students as are prepared therefor.

5. *Resolved*, That such of the theological students as may be disposed to proceed on the manual labor plan, shall have an opportunity to do so, and that the proceeds of their labor shall be applied to their own expenses.

6. That should it appear hereafter to be proper, that the manual labor system be farther introduced into the theological institution, the convention will proceed thereto; and in the meanwhile, the convention recommend to the theological students to conform, as far as due attention to their studies will permit, to the manual labor system.

7. That Bro. W. B. Johnson, J. Davis, N. W. Hodges, A. D. Jones, and B. Manly, be a committee to proceed at once to Fairfield District, and make arrangements with the people, if possible, to carry these resolutions into effect.

This report was unanimously adopted.

32. The committee on accounts made their final report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

33 Committed to the board of agents, the business of appointing a general agent, and to digest a system of minor agencies for collecting and receiving monies.

34. On the reports of the committees charged with making nominations for the next meeting of convention, and the stated services to be performed, it was *Resolved*, That the next meeting of this body be held in Greenville village, on the Saturday before the 2d Lord's Day in December, 1836. Br. H. D. Duncan to preach the introductory sermon on Saturday; in case of failure, Br. J. B. Furman. Br. Fuller to preach the charity sermon on Sunday; in case of failure, Br. J. M. Chiles.

35. The committee on nominating a board of agents, presented the following names, who were accordingly appointed, viz :—W. B. Johnson, J. Davis, A. Rice, A. D. Jones, W. E. Bailey, A. J. Lawton, N. W. Hodges, and B. Manly.

36. Committed to Brn. Lawton, Hodges, and Rice, to nominate a board of trustees for the theological institution.

37. Committed to the board of agents to dispose of the building owned by convention, at the late site of the institution, as to them may seem best.

38. On the nomination of the committee for that purpose, the following were appointed a board of trustees for the Furman Theological Institution, viz :—Jonathan Davis, Abraham D. Jones, Iveson L. Brookes, James C. Furman, John B. O'Neill, John K. M'Iver, Josiah B. Furman, M. T. Mendenhall, Wm. B. Johnson, Basil Manly, Henry Bailey, Amaziah Rice, Richard Fuller, Nathan L. Griffin, John W. Lewis, Nicholas W. Hodges, Darling Peeples, Samson H. Butler, Alexander J. Lawton, Jennings O'Bannon, John O. Balfour, Zebulon Rudolph, sen., James Mobley, Joseph Grisham, Charles M. Furman, and Thomas Blackwood. Any *seven* of whom, duly convened, to be a quorum for business.

39. *Resolved*, That the trustees of the seminary, who have just been elected, be requested to prepare a set of rules for their government, pursuant to the provisions of the 5th article of the constitution, and that they submit them to this body for revision at the next meeting.

40. Committed to the board of trustees the superintendence of the manual labor classical and English school, when it shall have been organized by the committee.

41. On motion of Br. Brookes, the following article was adopted—

Whereas, the American Baptist Home Mission Society has been again and again recognized by this convention, and its claims urged upon the prayers and liberality of christians; and whereas our confidence in said society, and our interest in the great enterprise in which it is engaged, the publication of the Gospel in North America, remain unchanged; Therefore—

Resolved, 1st. That the present body deem it only necessary to refer to past documents for their sentiments on this subject.

Resolved, 2d. That this convention accept the solicitation of said society, by their assistant corresponding secretary, to maintain a friendly correspondence with them, by exchange of reports, and by the appointment of messengers, when convenient, to their anniversaries.

Resolved, 3d. That the secretaries of the several Domestic Missionary Societies in this state be respectfully requested to furnish an annual *exhibit* to the corresponding secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, showing the number and names of missionaries, the fields occupied, and the moneys expended.

Br. Hartwell to be our messenger to the next anniversary meeting.

42. Voted unanimously the thanks of this body to those citizens of Charleston who have kindly entertained the members of convention, at this meeting.

43. *Resolved unanimously,* That the thanks of this body be presented to the German Friendly Society, for the use of their hall, which has been generously granted for the business meetings of the convention.

44. Requested the agents appointed at the extra session of the convention, to continue their exertions. The following names were also added to the list of agents—C. M. Furman, A. D. Jones, N. Graham, J. Grisham, A. Rice, J. M. Roberts, W. Magee; who, with the others, are requested to use their best efforts to complete the foundation for the endowment of Theological professorships.

45. Ordered the usual number of Minutes to be printed, and committed this business to the secretary.

The president adjourned the meeting with prayer and the christian benediction.

MINUTES

OF THE

Board of Agents.

BARNWELL C. H. DEC. 17, 1834.

The Board met. Present the President, Treasurer, Brn. Brisbane, J. B. Furman, Z. Rudolph, Pouncey, Hodges, and A. J. Lawton.

1. *Resolved,* That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the board of two of the Beneficiaries, to Mr. Denson, for twenty-five days.

2. N. W. Hodges accepted the appointment of agent of the convention.

3. *Resolved,* That the President and agent be requested to collect all the information in their power in reference to the manual labor system of education.

4. *Resolved,* That the agent make diligent enquiry for a suitable site, as a location for a classical and theological institution.

5. *Resolved*, That J. T. Robert be requested to take charge of W. H. Brisbane's book, containing the subscriptions on the scholarship plan, and make collections of them, and that the Treasurer take charge of S. Furman's book, and the Agent of J. M. Barnes' book, for the same purpose.

6. Elected Professor Hooper the Principal of the Furman Theological Institution for the next year, at a salary of \$1000; appropriated \$100 for the expenses of removal; and requested the President to inform the Professor of his election.

7. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Professor's accepting the principality of the institution, one of the houses of the ex-professors be obtained for his use.

8. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be requested to take charge of the institution building, and library.

9. Requested, that the President, in the event of Professor Hooper's refusal to accept the office of Principal of the institution, use his best efforts to procure a suitable person for the office, and advise the Board of his success.

Adjourned to meet in Charleston, on Friday before the second Lord's day in December, 1835.

BARNWELL C. H. OCT. 21, 1835.

The Board met at the call of the President.—Present, the President, and Secretary, and Brn. A. J. Lawton, W. H. Brisbane, Z. Rudolph, Sen., N. W. Hodges, and J. B. Furman.

The Minutes of the Board at the last meeting were read.

The President presented various documents, which his correspondence had procured, on the subject of manual labor schools.

The agent, Br. Hodges, also presented the result of his observations, when on a visit to the Mercer Institute, together with certain other documents on the same subject; and read an account of his proceedings during the year.

Resolved, That these documents be presented to the convention. The Board adjourned.

Friday, October 23.

The Board met after the adjournment of the convention.—Present as before.

After much conversation, the Board came to the conclusion that nothing can at this moment be done toward providing an Instructor for theological students—and resolved to meet in Charleston, on Friday before the second Lord's Day in December, at 7 o'clock in the evening, in the Vestry of the Baptist Church.

And the Board adjourned.

REPORT

OF THE

Financial Committee.

*Account of moneys, bonds, &c. contributed towards the **Permanent Fund**, for the endowment of Professorships in the Furman Theological Institution.*

	BONDS.	CASH.
From B. Manly, agent,	\$	\$
J. Wilder,	50	
E. Allen,	100	
W. G. Barret,	50	
John Scott,	100	
B. Gerald,	100	
J. Dunn,	25	
N. Graham,	20	
R. M. Wheeler,	50	
From A. M. Spalding, agent,		
Joel H. Perry,	25	5
From W. B. Johnson, agent,		
Eliza H. Simkins,	200	
W. B. Johnson,	400	
From M. Mims, agent,		
William Prothro,	500	
R. T. Mims,	200	
N. L. Griffin,	175	
G. L. Penn,	100	
Sam'l. F. Goode,	100	
A. B. Addison,	100	
M. Mims' own subscription,		500
From I. L. Brookes, R. Fuller. and } Alexander J. Lawton, agents, }		
R. Fuller,	1000	
R. I. Davant,	500	
H. D. Duncan,	200	
Iveson L. Brookes,	500	
Jennings O'Bannon,	200	
J. G. Brown,	200	
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	BONDS.	CASH.
Amount brought over,	4895	505
From I. L. Brookes, R. Fuller, and } Alexander J. Lawton, agents, }		
H. Z. Ardis,	100	
R. Bradford,	500	
B. H. Brown,	200	
I. Jehu Robert,	200	
Geo. W. Collins,	100	
B. M. Bride,	200	
Charles B. Jones,	100	
Darling Peeples,	200	
Jos. J. Lawton,	250	
Jos. T. Robert,	100	
James B. Sealey,	200	
R. H. Saxon,	100	
Naomi W. Bostick,	150	
Charles H. Colding,	25	
Robert G. Norton	100	
Martha S. Barksdale,	1000	
Isaac A. E. Chovin,	150	
B. N. Robert,	100	
Alexander J. Lawton,	300	
Alexander J. Ulmer,	200	
B. M. Ware,	100	
J. M. Miller,	100	
D. Atkinson,	100	
Matthias Ardis,	100	
Abner Whatley,	100	
Milledge Galphin,	100	
J. T. Gardiner,	100	
Thomas W. Batty,		50
Wiley Milton,	100	
James D. More,	100	
George Parrot,		50
B. M. Rodgers	100	
J. E. Broome,		25
John Hickson,	100	
J. J. Beck,	500	
Wm. B. Deloach,	200	
Eliza'h. Stoney, (annually during life,)	10	
Mrs. Cordelia Schnell,	200	
“ Wm. H. Robert,	200	
Benj. R. Bostick,	100	
P. Givens,	200	
Wm. Fuller,	200	
Jos. Hasell,	200	
	<hr/> 12080	<hr/> 630

	BONDS.	CASH.
Amount brought over,	12080	630
From J. M. Chiles, agent,		
William Smith,	100	
Lucy Smith,	100	
J. M. Chiles,	100	
Wm. Royall,	100	
From J. C. Furman, agent,		
I. K. M'Iver,	1000	
D. R. W. M'Iver,	250	
John F. Wilson,	250	
T. P. Lide,	143	
John Courtney,	100	
Hugh Lide,	57	10
E. J. Lide,	150	
Wm. Timmons,	100	
John M. Timmons,	100	
James Thwing,	5	
Robert R. Gibson,	10	
Thomas Hicks,	10	
L. G. S. Middleton,	10	
Wm. Sturges,	50	
Stephen Revel,	25	
James Lane,	100	
E. M. Bostick,	50	
Nathaniel M'Call,	100	
J. H. Pearce,	50	
Geo. James,	25	
Jos. J. James,	20	
Horace B. Thomas,	20	
James Thomas,	10	
David Palmer,	25	
Bunyan I. Bostick,	50	
John Richardson,	25	
John Graham,	10	
Geo. J. Myers per } J. M. Timmons, }	25	
D. M'Kay,	25	
Josiah Cockfield,	25	
A. Bristow,	15	
Rebecca A. Long,	20	
Charles Reaves,	10	
James W. Bostick,	20	
Hiram Smith,	10	
James C. Furman,	500	
J. W. Burn, (without interest,)	50	
Alexander M. M'Iver, (without interest,)	150	
Isaac D. Wilson, (without interest,)	100	
Casper Staley,	70	
	<hr/> 16245	<hr/> 10 630

	BONDS.	CASH.
Amount brought over,	16245 10	630 00
From Noah Graham, agent,		
Mrs. V. A. Rich,	50	
Alfred Scarborough,	50	
From John Trapp, agent,		
John Trapp,	25	
Henry J. Kemp,	25	
James L. Still,	25	
John Durst,	10	
Samuel Nicholson,	50	
Jesse Rambo,		0 25
Bartley Blocker,	10	
Joseph Phillips,	25	
Richard Lewis,	25	
Wm. Cudazier,	25	
Daniel Boon,		2 50
Nathan Sanders, his } subscription to Barnes, }		5 00
Randal Ramsay,		0 50
Doct. John Nicholson,	25	
T. Youngblood, (each year during life,)	1 75	
From Jesse Hartwell, agent,		
Elijah Pringle,	50	
Wiley Fort,	50	
	<hr/> 16691 85	<hr/> 638 25

MONEYS SENT UP FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

GILLISON FUND.

From M. Mims, agent, balance in full on former Treasurer's bond,	\$205 00
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FURMAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

By J. B. Furman,	
Longtown Female Society,	\$100
Bethel Society,	20
	<hr/> 120 00
Edgefield Baptist Association,	28 17
Congaree Benevolent Society,	15 00
Bush River Church,	10 00
Savannah River Baptist Association,	74 53
	<hr/> 247 70

GENERAL PURPOSES.

By N. W. Hodges, agent,	
Newberry Baptist Church,	24 15
Saluda Baptist Association,	75 63
From sundry persons by said agent,	280 00
Anderson District Missionary Society,	38 57
Mount Moriah Female Benevolent Society,	15 00
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	433 35
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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By N. W. Hodges, agent,	
Newberry Baptist Church,	\$17 50
Saluda Baptist Association,	2 50
Reedy River Baptist Association,	16 62
Elder James Wilson, printing Burman Bible,	5 00
Doct. Balfour,	5 00
Missionary Society of Greenville District, by Jas. Nolen,	14 00
Peniel Church, Abbeville,	22 00
Public collection on Sabbath,	85 61
Mrs. Mary Taylor,	10 00
Mrs. Mary Inglesby,	20 00
Enclosed in a letter, (anonymous,)	5 00
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	203 23
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EDUCATION FUND.

Newberry Baptist Church, by N. W. Hodges,	3 75
Edisto Baptist Association,	18 25
A merchant of Georgia, enclosed in a letter,	10 00
Public collection on Sabbath,	85 61
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	117 61
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HOME MISSION.

Newberry Baptist Church, by N. W. Hodges,	\$5 00
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MANUAL LABOR CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

From sundry persons, by N. W. Hodges, agent,	\$148 75
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BENEFICIARIES.

From sundry persons, by N. W. Hodges, agent,	5 00
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PROFESSORS SALARIES.

From sundry persons, by N. W. Hodges, agent,	78 00
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PERMANENT FUND.

From sundry persons, by N. W. Hodges, agent,	497 76
Charleston Female Juvenile Missionary & Educ'n. Society,	200 00
From J. C. Furman, agent,	
Mrs. Pearce,	\$0 50
James E. David,	5 00
Major Pouncey,	5 00
John Huggins, Sen.	0 50
John M'Craig,	1 00
Henry Huggins,	0 50
Larry Cain,	5 00
A. Belflower,	1 00
John Rodgers,	1 00
John Leach, Jr.	2 00
Mrs. E. Williams,	100 00
Rev. R. Napier,	60 00
John K. M'Iver,	50 00
Sarah E. Evans,	25 00
Ann M'Iver,	5 00
Eliza Griffin,	0 50—262 00

Mrs. Rambo, by I. L. Brookes,	2 25
	<hr/> 962 00

FOR MINUTES.

Congaree Benevolent Society,	2 00
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Aggregate of Bonds and Cash sent up to the Convention at this Session.

Bonds to raise a permanent fund for the endowment of professorships in the Furman Theological Institution.	\$16691 85
Cash for do.	638 25
	<hr/> \$17330 10

Cash for Gillison fund,	\$205 00
Furman Institution,	247 70
General purposes,	433 34
Foreign missions,	203 23
Education fund,	117 61
Morne missions,	5 00
Manual labor classical school,	148 75
Beneficiaries,	5 00
Professors' salaries,	78 00
Permanent fund,	962 00
Minutes,	2 00
	<hr/> 2407 63
	<hr/> \$19737 73

Bonds for permanent fund,	\$16691	85
Cash for do. by agents,	638	25
Cash for do., various,	962	00—1600 25
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	18292	10
Cash for permanent fund as above,		1600 25
“ for other purposes,		1445 63
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		\$3045 88
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ALEXANDER J. LAWTON,
Chairman Financial Committee.

Dec. 17, 1835.

Report of the Special Committee on the Funds, &c.

The special committee, to whom it was referred to enquire and report the amount of funds in the possession of this convention, subject to its unlimited control, what portion of the same are available, and if any, what are unavailable; what is the amount of funds in the possession of the convention subject to any condition, and the particular nature of such condition; and also, to report what addition to the funds of the convention may be anticipated in a short time; and also, to report a plan for the establishment of collecting and receiving agencies upon the most economical plan:—

Beg leave to report, that they have performed the duty assigned them, as fully as the short period allowed them, and their other engagements in the convention, have permitted.

The funds belonging to the convention are devoted to two great objects. First, missionary enterprise; and second, education purposes. To the former, the committee have deemed it unnecessary to direct any particular attention, as no action of the convention in relation to said funds, is contemplated. The funds of the convention is designed for education purposes, consist of various items, viz: stock, cash, bonds, and subscriptions of individuals.

FIRST.

Monies, stock, bonds, and subscriptions, to which no particular condition is annexed, but which may be most appropriately classed as permanent funds for the establishment of a theological institution, and its professorships, \$25834 04

Nearly allied to this item, are the funds of Associations, constituents to this body, which are designed to secure the same objects.

Charleston Association,	-	-	-	-	-	5200
Savannah River do.,	-	-	-	-	-	1000
Welsh Neck do.,	-	-	-	-	-	1000

Making an aggregate of	.	.	-	-	\$33034 04
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SECOND.

Subscriptions, bonds and cash, contributed, provided the theological institution is continued in its present location, or placed in *a central part of the State*.

J. C. Furman's collections,	\$3326 50	
	800 00	
	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$4326 50
Th. J. Gantt's do. - - - - -		1000 00
Jonathan Davis' do. - - - - -		2000 00
J. B. Furman's do. - - - - -		100 00
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Making an aggregate of - - - - -		\$7426 50

THIRD.

Subscriptions and cash contributed, provided the theological institution is connected with a classical academy, both to be conducted on the manual labor plan, and placed in Fairfield District, \$4000

It should be here stated, that the amount subscribed to this object, is \$6000, but it is believed by the agent, that \$2000 of the amount could at all events, be obtained for the theological institution, and the committee have therefore so divided it.

FOURTH.

For the subscriptions and cash for the establishment of institutions, as mentioned in the last, in the upper country, \$4808

FIFTH.

Subscriptions and cash, contributed for the establishment of a theological institution and classical school on the manual labor plan in this State, \$2172

SIXTH.

Subscriptions and cash contributed for the establishment of a classical academy in Spartanburg District, \$2000

SEVENTH.

Subscription and —, contributed for the purchase of buildings for the theological institution in Sumter District, 550

\$13530

For founding a scholarship, 775

There are also several subscriptions of sums to be annually contributed, which will increase the income of the convention, but the committee have not deemed it necessary to notice them particularly.

It will be observed that there are conditions annexed to the different subscriptions which render them inconsistent with each other, and if either portion of them is accepted, the others will be lost. It will be for the wisdom of the convention to determine which they will accept.

As to whether the funds are, or are not available, the committee find themselves unable to give very precise information.

A large portion of the funds are in bonds and subscriptions, but the agents who have reported them, have confidence in their being available to the purposes of the convention.

There are two bonds amounting to eight hundred dollars, which do not bear interest, and are payable in instalments, though the bonds are good, they are not actually available till received.

A portion of the funds of the Charleston Association are in a condition which do not warrant the certainty of an annual income from them immediately, but from information before the committee, it appears that if no income be divided during the present year, it may be expected the next.

It must also be remembered, that the amount subscribed for the establishment of the two institutions in Fairfield, as well as that subscribed for Spartanburg, will not be available for income. These sums being intended, and indeed necessary, for the purchase of lands and buildings, for the accommodation of professors and students, will not of course yield an interest, except so far as the manual labor plan may be considered as likely to produce that result.

It is also known to the convention, that they now own certain land and buildings in Sumter, where the institution was in operation. If the institution is continued there, of course expenses for those objects will be saved. If it is removed, they may be sold, and their proceeds added to the funds for producing income—but no great sum can be anticipated from the sale.

We have received assurances of additional aid to the objects of the convention, as soon as it has determined on its measures; but our engagements have prevented our attending particularly to this branch of our enquiry.

As respects the appointment of agents to collect and receive, we recommend that the treasurer or board of agents shall appoint an agent in each church, who shall perform the duty of collecting all sums due to the convention, and obtaining further contributions. That at every meeting of an Association, an individual shall be appointed by it, who shall be authorized to receive from the collecting agents of the churches, the various sums they have received, with regular accounts thereof, and transmit the same to the treasurer of the convention. That where the churches or societies represented in this body, do not belong to an association, that the agents shall report immediately to the treasurer, and transmit their collections to him.

It perhaps may aid the members of the convention, that the committee should state some of the results, as respects funds, that would attend on the adoption of either of the suggestions that have been made as to the location of the Theological Institution.

First—Keeping the present site of the institution. We would then have

The present buildings,	-	\$	
The permanent fund, including association funds,			33034 04
Subscriptions mentioned in class No. 2,	- . .		7426 50
do. do. in do. No. 7,	- . .		550 00
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			\$41010 54

And if the classical school and manual labor plan			
are combined with it, No. 5,			2172 00
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			\$43182 54

If in Fairfield, we will have the amount subscribed for buildings, to be set off against the present site,

\$4000 00

Also the above items, excepting No. 7, making		\$42632 54
No. 4,		4808 00
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\$47440 54

If in Spartanburg, we will have the amount subscribed for buildings, to be set off against the present site,

\$2000 00

Funds in class No 4,	-	4808 00
The permanent fund,	-	33034 04
And No 5,	-	2172 00
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Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. FURMAN,
JOHN K. M'IVER,
W. E. BAILEY.

Dec. 15, 1835.

The Constitution of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South-Carolina, adopted at their meeting in December, 1835, at Charleston.

We, the Representatives of the constituent bodies of the State Convention of the Baptist denomination in South Carolina, do agree upon the following articles, as forming the annexed Constitution of the Convention, and the basis of the union.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be styled The State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South-Carolina.

ART. II. The grand object of this convention shall be the increase of evangelical and useful knowledge, and of vital practical religion; the promotion of religious education, and particularly that of pious young men, who may be approved by the church to which they belong, as called of God to preach the gospel; the support of missionary service among the destitute, both at home and abroad; the establishment of Sabbath schools, and the promotion of religious education in families;—and in general, the cultivation of such measures as tend to promote the true interests of the church at large: and of those especially which may be conducive to union, peace, and harmony, and love among themselves.

ART. III. The convention shall consist of delegates from the several Baptist Associations in this State, who may approve of the measures here adopted; and of representatives from other religious bodies of the Baptist connexion concerned in the promotion of the same objects with the convention: The number of delegates and representatives bearing always a just proportion to the number of their constituents. The attending delegates shall be a quorum to do business. The appointment of these delegates shall be made annually or biennially, as the convention shall determine to hold its meeting; and a certificate of their appointment shall be exhibited to the convention. The members of the board of agents shall be ex officio members of the new convention.

ART. IV. The convention shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall also have a Board of Agents, for the transaction of business during its recess, consisting of eight members, the Treasurer ex officio, being one of them, any three of whom duly convened, shall be a quorum. The duties severally assigned to the officers of similar institutions, shall devolve on those of this body, according to their rank and character, in the convention and in the board.

The board, as agents, shall be adequate to the performance of all necessary business which may occur during the recess of the convention. Both officers and agents, shall hold their stations, (unless forfeited by unrighteous conduct,) till a new election. The board shall have the power to fill vacancies in their own body.

ART. V. The support of a seminary of learning in this State, under the care of this convention, shall be considered as a primary object. The design of this seminary, is to assist those, who, in the judgment of their churches, are called of God to preach the gospel, that they may study to show themselves workmen approved unto God, that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Those of this character, who need pecuniary aid, may receive it at the discretion of the convention from funds appropriated to this object. The government of this seminary shall be committed to a board of trustees, to be elected by the convention, at the end of every fourth year. But if from any cause the election shall not take place at the time appointed, the members of the board shall continue in office till a new election shall be made. The board of trustees shall be governed by a set of rules which shall form the constitution of the seminary, in conformity with which the seminary shall be managed in all its

interests, pecuniary, literary, moral, and religious. The board shall present a written statement of their transactions, and of the state of the seminary, at each stated meeting of the convention, which shall be subject to their approval.


ART. VI. Ministers of the gospel in any of our churches, needing aid in the more necessary part of learning, and unable to attend at the institution, may be furnished with a supply of the most useful books, from the general fund for education purposes.

ART. VII. Regular yearly contributions will be expected from the constituent bodies, in union, for the accomplishment of the important purposes here contemplated; and the right of conducting the business of the fund will be considered as vested, exclusively in the representatives of bodies which do regularly contribute. And that satisfaction may be given to the contributors, that their contributions are faithfully applied, a just and clear statement shall be published annually by the board, both with respect to moneys received and expended. All moneys specially appropriated, shall be sacredly applied to the object designated. But where any contributions or bequests are made without any specific designation, discretion in their application shall be exercised by the convention, or its board of agents.

ART. VIII. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys and specialties belonging to the convention, and keep separate accounts of the amounts contributed for different objects; and render regular accounts of them to the convention at its stated meetings; and also to the board when called upon so to do. He shall be elected by this convention at its stated meeting, and shall hold his office until the last day of the next meeting, and until another shall be elected, and give bond, and enter upon the duties of his office. For the faithful discharge of this trust, he shall give bond and security to this convention in such sum of money as they may from time to time direct. He shall pay no money out of the funds but by the order of the convention or board, signed by the presiding officer. And should the said office become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the said vacancy shall be filled by an election by the board of agents; and the person so elected by the board, shall hold his office until the next stated meeting of the convention, and until another shall be elected, give bond and security, and enter upon the duties of his office. And the Treasurer so elected shall give bond, and do all the duties required, and in the same manner as if elected by the convention.

ART. IX. The convention may use its discretion in having either an annual or biennial meeting. But in cases of important concern, and especially when the arrangement for a biennial meeting has been made, the President may, at the instance of the board, call an earlier meeting.

ART. X. Any alteration which experience may prove to be necessary, may be made in these rules, by the concurring vote of two thirds of the members present, at an annual or biennial meeting.

 The Board of Trustees of the Furman Theological Seminary, will meet at the Fairfield Church, Fairfield District, (three miles south of Winnsboro,) on Saturday, May 14th, 1836, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Of this appointment, the members of the Board are requested to take notice.